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Dear Ed,

Relet 29 (and thanks for clips), the problem with Agent Oswald and PM is that there us too much material. While the subject matter of AO does lend iislef to a book on domestic intellegence, one can't do justice to it that way.

I've drfated the missing part of PM. It is twice the length of Inquest, perhaps longer, and no fat. This is with extensive selection. I left out enough for another book at least. The first part will not have to be butchered mercilessly. The second was as long as the acergge book.

The Morrison-Ward business has been researched by a good witer. I think it would also make a movie. I can't understand why he hasn't wrriten it. He told me all about it 11/67 and had his research done then, I thought.

I did not know whether O&D do anything for their books, so in this case it is specified in the contract. Before letting them have a copy I had clear and specific understanding. With the subject, there is no laternative. And I'm not looking for printing, I'm looking for publishing.

I phoned Lyle Stuart 6 or more times in 1965 and he would never talk to me on the subject. Finally he place an ad saying out of anti war principle he wasn't paying his taxes. I told him by letter he is an unprincipled phoney, that he knew damned well the government would just take the money from his accounts, and that the slight extra cost would be more than offset by the free publicity he was getting, that were he a man of principle he'd at least have discussed the subject. He said okay, send it to me, and I'll read it. Meanwhile, I'd prepared for a private printing a year earlier, and I'd held off because Norton had been blowing hot for months. Stuart read half of it and phoned me in great excitement. My artist was with me at the time and we were preparing for the undergound editions. I told Stuart of thtis, that my experience with publishers had been an education, that I was going ahead with it, but that at no cost to him if he decided to publish he could distribute the underground until his edited edition came out, in type and all that, and return the undergrounds to me. He said that was no problem and he wanted to talk to me. I told him I was broke and couldn't afford the trip to New York. He said he'd pay transportati a hotel and one days meals. I said I'd settle for transportation only. We made a date for the following Wednesday. I went there for that alone, he didn't see me, didn't take any of many call, and refused to repay my expenses. The next time I saw him, which was the first, but I'd seen his picture, was at the ABA 1967 meeting. He was givin' popsicles away, nickel ones. I was hot and thirsty. He wouldn't give me one when I walked past with someone from a book and author show. Does this answer you question on "dealings"? My work is a natural for him. I may write him when I've completed this and invite him down, but I'll never got to see him. Most of these people have sides you never seen and rarely hear about.

Jerry is doing what shows every sign of being a definitive job on Kaplan and the Times. It can't help the book, but it is a worth while record to make. I've opened my files to him.

It is inevitable that the LA mess will be another whitewash, the attempt being well along already. I have been getting occasions CNS wire copy from a reporter friend. They are trying to pin less that what happened on the clerk. He shows signs of fighting back.

Best,